

Dear Neighbors,

With new leadership in the General Assembly and in the Governor's office, the 2005 legislative session was filled with new opportunity. Crucial issues were debated with a fresh perspective and many positive accomplishments resulted.

As Senate chair of the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee I have worked with leadership to promote fiscal responsibility. We made important improvements in the state's commitment to help cities and towns meet the needs of residents. I have included in this report a chart that details the additional aid provided to the town of Colchester.

In addition, I served as the acting chair of Public Safety. Emergency Management and Homeland Security are some of the important responsibilities of this committee. You can be assured that our state of preparedness is excellent and that we have wisely used the federal dollars available for this effort.

I have listed a few of the many issues which were addressed during the last session. I'd like to make sure that you know that additional and more detailed information is available on my Web site. If you have concerns, questions, or suggestions, please call my office.

Yours truly,

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2005 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



STATE AID

FOR THE TOWN OF

COLCHESTER

Colchester will receive more state aid than last year to assist with school budgets, maintain roads and help pay for other general services.

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	INCREASE FROM FY 04-05
Aid to Towns for Schools	\$11,499,229	\$11,946,971	\$447,742
Other Municipal Grants	\$405,229	\$441,977	\$36,748
Totals	\$11,904,458	\$12,388,948	\$484,490

Protecting the Environment

- Established a farmland preservation/affordable housing program to create a fund of approximately \$30 million per year for farmland and open space preservation, affordable housing and historic preservation
- Created a Bi-State Long Island Sound Committee responsible for recommending legislation to avoid, and help mitigate, the impact of the proposed industrialization of the Sound

Healthcare for Working Families

- In the November Special Session we saved the HUSKY health insurance program for low-income children from budget cuts
- Passed medical malpractice legislation which has already slowed the growth of doctors' insurance premiums while protecting the rights of patients

Fiscal Review of Legislation

- Created the Corporation Business Tax Credit and Tax Policy Committee to ensure the effectiveness of existing corporate tax credits by measuring their benefits to the state in the areas of job development, job retention and new investment in the state. The ultimate goal is to justify any revenue loss to the state coffers by ensuring sufficient benefit to the state economy

State Bonding Projects

Along with State Representative Linda Orange, I worked to secure \$500,000 for future bonding projects for the Town of Colchester, including:

- \$500,000 for various flood control improvements, flood repair and emergency repairs of the Lyman Viaduct. The DEP has deemed it a priority and we hope to see it on the agenda of the next bond meeting.